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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

14 NOV 1975

The Honorable James T. Lynn, Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Jim:

The Intelligence Community has just completed its review of the National Reconnaissance Program (NRP) FY77 budget, and the NRP Five-Year Development Plan for the period FY77-81. While I will be reporting the results to you in more detail in my National Foreign Intelligence Program Recommendation, there is one issue to which I would like to invite your early attention.

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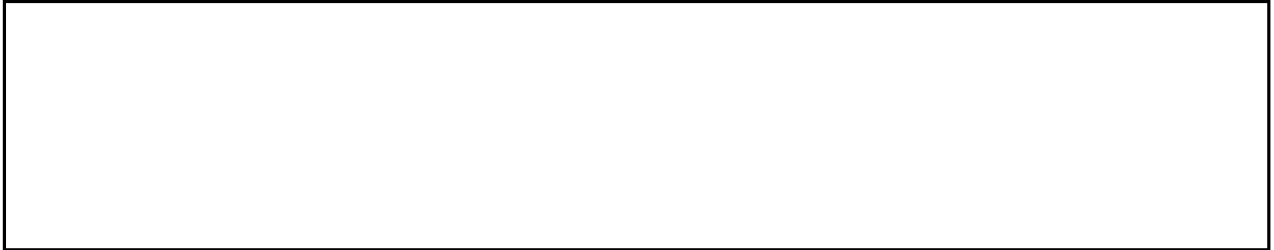
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With the foregoing in mind, as Chairman of the NRP Executive Committee, on 7 November I approved inclusion of the Shuttle transition costs as a separately identified item over and above base program funding requirements in the FY77-81 NRP plan for submission to Congress. This action will result in an increase in the National Foreign Intelligence Program annual costs to accommodate the Shuttle transition costs, but at this time represents only a fund protection action. I strongly recommend you concur with and support this action.

Sincerely,

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NOTE FOR: Executive Officer/ICS

SUBJECT : DCI's Memorandum to Mr. Lynn
on Space Shuttle - [REDACTED]

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1. Mr. Plummer (D/NRO), Dr. Hall (ASD/I),
and Dr. Currie (DDR&E) have already received
copies of subject memo.

2. Registry is now sending copies to
Mr. Iams, [REDACTED] and Mr. Duckett.

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